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CRIME COMMISSION AT WORK

The reports received from Lansing indicate that considerable work has been done by the crime commission appointed by the Legislature and the Circuit Court Judges Association working in conjunction with the members to bring about a reform in criminal court procedure.

While no definite plans have yet been decided upon, Circuit Judge Glenn C. Gillespie of the Oakland County Circuit Court has made public some of the recommendations agreed upon.

One proposal would place the power of appeal to the State Supreme Court in that court. It would force attorneys desiring to appeal from a sentence to the Supreme Court to file briefs with that court as to their reasons for appeal and leave it with the court to decide if an appeal and hearing should be granted.

Another proposal would discard the optional practice of courts in staying sentence following a conviction and pending an appeal to the State Supreme Court. Under this plan sentences would be pronounced after conviction and release on bond would be ordered only after a writ of error had been filed and sanctioned by the Supreme Court pending the decision on the appeal.

A third proposal would shorten the time in which an appeal to the State Supreme Court could be filed after conviction.

The question of the number of continuances granted the accused in major criminal cases like that was discussed. The plan proposed was that in the justice court the accused should receive only two continuances and in the Circuit Court the same number should be the limit.

All of these recommendations are good and if put in practice will no doubt serve as a crime deterrent.

One of the worst evils at present is the ease with which unscrupulous criminal lawyers secure a not guilty verdict on an alibi. Where an alibi is introduced as a defense the defendant should be compelled to furnish the prosecuting attorney the names of witnesses at least 24 hours in advance of their being put on the stand. This could work no harm to an honest alibi and would probably result in much good.

It has just developed that Governor-elect Fred W. Green waged the most unique political campaign in history. Not once did the Ionia promise to reduce taxes.

Nothing but bills come to him who sits and waits.

RECOVERY OF FARM SOUGHT

Recovery of the title to a farm in Southfield township said to be worth \$30,000 is the object of a civil suit in progress in Judge F. L. Cover's court brought by Mrs. Mary Bartush against her half-brother Henry Rostler also known as Elie G. Bosdoe. The case opened Monday afternoon with A. L. Moore and Norman C. Orr appearing for the plaintiff and N. Calvin Bigelow of Detroit representing the defendant.

Mrs. Bartush claims her husband filed a divorce suit against her in Oklahoma in the spring of 1925 and she deeded her half-brother her farm in Southfield township fearing her husband might claim it. She went to Oklahoma and obtained the divorce herself. When she tried to get her land back from her brother she says he refused to deed it. The suit was brought to compel him.

They are natives of Rumania and Mrs. Bartush was obliged to give her story through an interpreter. She told of coming to this country with her husband in 1903 with only \$700 in money. They lived first in Pennsylvania where they invested their money and kept adding to their savings. She went back to Europe and sold a piece of land for \$3,000 which was invested in real estate in this country. The Southfield farm was purchased in 1921 for \$12,600. It has grown considerably in value in recent years. —Pontiac Press.

When Christmas Comes—

By B. B. in Baltimore Sun

A baby coach, a doll that winks; Soldiers, soldiers, wood and lead; A windup toy that almost thinks; A little horse and a bed; A kitchen made of tin, with all The pans and dishes on the wall; A sled with red and painted brass; A pair of skates for boys with brains; A bed and ball, electric trains; A ship full of red and proud of men To sail the briny deep sea; A doll house lit with wondrous light; A book of fables sweet and bright; A fat balloon you blow and blow Until it will no longer grow; And then, released, the air comes out With bang and boom and pop, And dance and clap your hands to know What lovely Christmas things there are That only could have come from far Beyond the realm of ice and snow, And from behind the fairy star!

Under the Mistletoe



by Martha Banning Thomas

IT WAS very annoying. Very annoying indeed. It gave an irritated flip to the pages of her magazine, and set her pretty back more firmly in her chair in the car. The exceedingly fine looking man opposite was buried in his newspaper. If Marcia could have seen the corners of his mouth, she might have been even more upset. That pleasant mouth with the humorous twist. That mouth which opened wide with shouts of ringing laughter. That mouth she had so adored. . . . a few months ago. That mouth now twitching with ill-concealed pleasure behind the curtains of the paper.

Well, accidents will happen! If two persons who have quarreled choose the same train on the day before Christmas to go home, what can be done about it? Nothing! Marcia read the first page of a story fourteen times, and could not have told on a bet, a single sentence that passed before her eyes. She gave up



Marcia and Philip stood just where they were.

the attempt and gazed a pensive gaze on the passing landscape. It hurt her heart flattered in uneven jumps. It was no one was the wiser. Marcia bristled with independence. She would carry this emergency through with a high hand. Besides, Philip got off at a station before hers.

The merry jells whirled by. From from the train she could see the fluffy bunches of white on the pine trees. There was a holiday feeling of excitement even in the stuffy car. The porter was gay with a song of bells in his buttonhole. In spite of her resentment she could not prevent a thrill of happiness running through her veins.

Home again after many months of hard work in New York! Home to the jolly fireplace, the absurd and lovable dog, and best of all, home with the rollicking family of younger brothers and sisters. And, nother! They had planned, Philip and she, to have this Christmas together at her mother's. Philip had always lived in New York. Of course he had known about the country and small country towns, but not as Marcia had. They had spent many delightful hours talking over the good times they would have sliding down hill, going about stargazing on Christmas eve, stuffing the stockings for the children, tramping through the woods. All the country entertainments which go so perfectly with the holiday season. And Philip had loved it all.

He had an aunt, an elderly creature who lived in the next town. Philip talked of her and said he had almost promised to spend Christmas day with her, but now he couldn't think of it. He must go home with Marcia, and Aunt Caroline could go home!

Of course, reflected Marcia, that was where he was bound for now. Two annoying that his seat happened to be near hers. The train ran smoothly on polished rails. A soft, sultry hush seemed to click from the wheels. Marcia closed into deep reverie.

BARRYMORE AND VITAPHONE DRAW BIG CROWDS



Warner Bros. presentation of John Barrymore in "Don Juan" and Vitaphone had its Michigan premiere at the Shubert LaFayette, last Wednesday night before one of the most brilliant audiences in a Detroit theatre, and scored a veritable triumph; as it had done in New York, Boston and Chicago, where the attraction is still playing to capacity houses after engagements of months.

The critics were unstinted in their praise of both the film and that marvel of marvels, Vitaphone. The audience was spellbound by this great electrical invention which absolutely synchronizes sound and motion to the 1-1000 part of a second, and the thrilling gorgeous super film. As a result of these flattering reviews, huge audiences are greeting the double bill, and it will not be long before the daily matinee will be sold out at each performance, as are the night presentations.

Charles J. Richardson, critic of the Times, said in his review: "Don Juan" is a splendid choice of a picture for the occasion. Barrymore contributes some of the best character delineation of his screen career. As the reckless, polished and handsome lover he is the idol of every woman and the envy of every male in the audience. Imagine gazing upon the shadow of Giovanni Martinelli as he sings Vesta la Guibba from "Il Pagliacci" and at the same time hear the resonant tones of his tenor voice floating into your ear with an utter lack of distortion or taint of mechanism. The effect is uncanny and you applaud vigorously, hoping he will come back for the traditional encore. But he doesn't, and then you realize that you have been listening to Vitaphone."

"Don Juan" as a super-sophisticated picture has everything to recommend it—story, cast, direction, incident and marvelous settings and gowns. Mr. Barrymore as the fascinating, handsome, delightful and thoroughly unreliable hero, exceeds all his past efforts in pictures," writes Harold Heffernan in the News.

Says Detroit Saturday Night: "With both 'Don Juan' and the Vitaphone on exhibit the current revels are just about unbeatable." (Ella H. McCormick, writing in the Free Press declares: "Barrymore again proves his personal and family flair for good acting. He is, naturally, a handsome Don Juan, and to his finesse as a philosopher adds accomplishments as a swordsman, rider, and swimmer."

Out of town patrons are respectfully urged to make mail reservations early and to be in their seats promptly at the advertised hour for the rising of the curtain, as nobody will be seated during a Vitaphone number. The evening performance is over in time to catch all suburban cars and buses.

WEST FARMINGTON

Marion Robison, age nine years, passed away Wednesday, December 8 at 5 o'clock after a short illness with diphtheria. She leaves to mourn her loss her father, Arle Robison, two sisters, Thelma Robison of Hartland, Agnes Robison her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Barton, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robison and a host of other relatives and friends. Her mother, Mrs. Anna Barton Robison passed away seven years ago. The home demonstrator met at Walled Lake Wednesday and gave the lesson to the leaders of the groups. Mrs. Edward Grimmer and Mrs. Fred Gorman acted as leaders for Mrs. Emma and Miss Dorothea Kurtz, leaders of the East Walled Lake home economic and home demonstration class. Mr. and Mrs. Knight of Detroit spent Sunday with Charles Heliker and family. Marl Bachelor of Walled Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Giegler of Hartland, Mr. and Mrs. Starr and son William, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graham and sons, Rich-

ard and Starr, all went to help their father and grandfather, William Graham celebrate his 63rd birthday anniversary, December 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Giegler drove a new four door sedan home from Walled Lake last Wednesday. Mrs. Giegler has been caring for her sister, Mrs. Bachelor who has been sick.

West Farmington School

We are very much grieved at the death of our little schoolmate, Marian Robison, who died December 8. She was not only a good student but a very dear friend to us all. We miss her beyond expression.

Byron Wixom's injured hand is healing rapidly.

The third and fourth grades are studying Oakland county and its township.

The seventh grade has completed their part of the history and

are reviewing with the M. J. Stormzand tests.

We are all working hard on our Christmas program which we are going to give December 24, at 7:30 p. m.

By the time most of us find ourselves with money to invest the bargains are gone, and when the bargains are back on the counter we have no money.

Cold-Storage Development

A new plant at Montreal devoted to cold storage and the dry storage of package freight and other merchandise will shortly be erected at a cost of about \$5,000,000, according to Consul W. I. Jackson, Montreal. The cold storage plant and terminal warehouse will be ten stories high and will have a floor space of 600,000 square feet. It is planned to complete the building in ten months.

This Gift List Will Help You Decide

Magazine Racks
Green enameled and Hand Decorated.

Handkerchiefs
Lovely imported ones in white and colors.

Scarfs
For men and women.

Shoulder Flowers
Gardenias, Chrysanthemums and Novelties.

Silk Hosiery
Fifteen shades in chiffon and service weight.

Silk Underwear
Vests, Bloomers and Combinations.

Other Gift Suggestions

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